General Fund

The General Fund is the Commonwealth's primary Governmental Fund. All governmental activities not specifically directed to another fund are accounted for in the General Fund. As a result, most budgeted operating expenditures of the Executive Secretariats, the Legislature, Constitutional Offices, and independent commissions and a portion of expenditures for the judicial system are paid from the General Fund. It similarly receives a significant portion of sales, individual income and corporate taxes, and the full amount of most other governmental taxes.

Revenues and expenditures associated with federal reimbursement-based programs are accounted for in the General Fund. These programs have various reimbursement formulas. The Commonwealth provides grants and contract assistance to several of the authorities it reports as component units. Most of these grant and contract assistance activities are recorded in the General Fund. The fund also includes financial activities related to stabilization and tax reduction.

